For a long time now I have been interested in the subject of psychology. The way people behave and why they do certain things has always fascinated me and after thoroughly enjoying studying the subject at A level I would like to continue to further my knowledge and study psychology at a higher level.

The A levels I currently study include maths statistics and Philosophy and ethics. Maths statistics will be advantageous to me whilst studying degree level psychology, especially when studying area's such as research methods. Studying Philosophy and ethics also has its advantages in psychology, especially when covering the ethical issues raised when conducting psychological experiments. I recently attended a masterclass at Newcastle University which has given me an insight into what University life will be like, and has further reassured me that attending university is the right decision for me.

I am part of an anonymous peer mentoring team at school. This is an anonymous service where the pupils at school can email us with their problems and I get great satisfaction from knowing that I have helped people. Working with a range of different people and problems has helped me to gain insight into how people work and I am eager to learn more about the easiest and most efficient ways of dealing with these problems. It has helped to develop my communication skills, through dealing with a range of different people. This experience has helped me to decide that I would particularly like to study psychology with counselling, as I feel that I would thoroughly enjoy the challenge and the satisfaction gained from a career in this area.

I recently completed a week of work experience at the local playgroup where I worked with children aged 2-4. This enabled me to witness firsthand some of the issues covered in the day care section of the attachment module in AS psychology, particularly the way in which children develop socially. I thoroughly enjoyed working with these children and was delighted when the leader of the playgroup asked me to return to do voluntary work during my free mornings. I now currently assist the children with ICT skills one morning a week. Additionally I am currently organising voluntary work at a local care home for the elderly as I believe working with people from a range of age groups will be beneficial.